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RAJYA SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd November, 1962:—

BILL No. XX OF 1962

A Bill to amend the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan Act, 1962.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Thirteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan (Amendment) Act, 1962.

Short title.

13 of 1962.

2. In the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan Act, 1962 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for sub-section (4) of section 4, the following sub-section shall be substituted and shall be deemed always to have been substituted, namely:—

Amendment of section 4.

“(4) The first members of the Sammelan shall be—

(a) all persons who, immediately before the appointed day, were members of the Society;

(b) all persons who, before that day, have been Presidents of the Society; and

(c) all persons who, before that day, were awarded the Mangla Prasad Paritoshik by the Society.”

3. In section 5 of the principal Act,—

Amendment of section 5.

(i) for clause (b), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(b) all property, movable or immovable, of the Society shall be the property of the Sammelan;”;

(ii) in clause (c), the words “be transferred to, and” shall be omitted.

Amendment
of section 9.

4. In section 9 of the principal Act,—

(i) in sub-section (3), for the word “three”, the word “five” shall be substituted;

(ii) in sub-section (4), for the word “allowances”, the words “salary or allowances or both” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Hindi Sahitya Sammelan Act, 1962, which was passed early this year, declared the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Allahabad, which was a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (21 of 1860) as an institution of national importance and the Act also provided for its incorporation. The Act was brought into force on the 28th June, 1962. The intention has always been not to make any changes in the objects of the Society nor to deprive the members of that Society from being members of the Sammelan incorporated under this Act. For certain administrative reasons, however, it was felt that all the categories of members of the Society should not automatically be the first members of the Sammelan and that those who have been left out could be enrolled afresh as members of the Sammelan under its rules. A question as to the validity of the Act has been raised mainly on the ground that the Act excludes from its membership certain ordinary members of the Society. In order to remove all doubts, it is proposed to amend the Act so as to make it clear that all members of the Society shall be the first members of the Sammelan. Some difficulties are also being experienced in the working of the Act and opportunity is being taken to make some minor amendments to remove those difficulties.

2. The Bill seeks to achieve these objects.

NEW DELHI;
The 17th November, 1962.

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Secretary.

